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**Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Joint Environment and Natural Resources and Land Use Committee
Minutes
Thursday, July 7, 2016**

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Lake County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois

Members Present: Jack Darin – Illinois Sierra Club, Jackie Forbes – Kane County Division of Transportation, Danielle Gallet – Metropolitan Planning Council, Deb Stone – Cook County Department of Environmental Control, Joe Schuessler – MWRD, Sean Wiedel – Chicago Department of Transportation, Moira Zellner – University of Illinois-Chicago, Lynn Boerman – IDNR (via phone), Ed Collins – McHenry County Conservation District, Martha Dooley – Village of Schaumburg,

Members Absent: Jon Grosshans – U.S. EPA, Pete Harmet – IDOT, Suzanne Malec-McKenna – Chicago Wilderness, Stacy Meyers – Openlands, Wallace Van Buren – IAWA, Mike Warner – Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Staff Present: Nora Beck (staff liaison for ENR), Joe Szabo, Kristin Ihnchak, Elizabeth Irvin, Jason Navota, Lindsay Hollander, Carly Dutkiewicz, Taylor LaFave, Anthony Cefali

Others Present: Marion Brown

1.0 Call to Order

Jack Darin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:34 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

- ON TO 2050 Bi-Monthly Update. Kristin Ihnchak introduced the [ON TO 2050 Update](#), which provides a regular detailed update on the various components of ON TO 2050 development.
- Additional August meeting. CMAP staff is seeking ENR committee guidance on a number of ON TO 2050 planning projects before the September meeting. Discussed potential ways to solicit feedback, and concluded that a meeting on Thursday, August 4 made the most sense.

3.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 2 meeting was made by Sean Wiedel, seconded by Jackie Forbes, and with all in favor, carried.

5.0 ON TO 2050: Tax policy and land use trends strategy paper – Lindsay Hollander, CMAP Staff

GO TO 2040 recognized that tax policy plays a significant role in the region's economic growth and development patterns. For ON TO 2050, CMAP staff have been continuing to investigate this nexus. Lindsay Hollander presented the [draft strategy paper](#), which focuses on how communities provide municipal services and infrastructure to an array of land uses. Committee members discussed the following points:

- Tax implications on conservation and natural resource protection. Will this be included in the tax policy paper or in the lands in transition paper. CMAP staff will explore the appropriate location; committee members recommended adding it to the Tax Policy and Land Use strategy paper as that is the one that will most likely be read by people involved in those decisions and it is currently absent from the paper's current structure. [This item was discussed in more detail during the next agenda item but relates to this topic].
- Impacts of internet sales and how it is changing local communities' pursuit of retail development. Discussion in Kendall County, particularly in smaller towns, is deemphasizing trying to attract brick and mortar stores given the trends in online sales.
- Connecting other policy objectives to recapture agreements, such as conservation design development practices, which can have lower maintenance costs.
- Equity impacts of specific strategies. For example, privatizing roads can change the nature of neighborhoods and subdivisions.
- Carbon pricing and corresponding land use implications. GO TO 2040's financial plan assumed federal revenues coming to the region from carbon pricing, but CMAP removed this from the 2014 update because action had not been taken on this.
- Carbon incentive district. Can design and protection practices be incentivized in some way?
- Did the IDOT VMT study make it into the recent State budget? CMAP is doing a review and will check.
- Building carbon emission side?
- Recognize the combined forces of tax policy designed to emphasize place and development and governmental fragmentation. CMAP will be exploring community capacity in the coming year. [this item was discussed during the next agenda item but relates to this topic more directly]

CMAP staff requested feedback on the full paper by July 15, but given the shorter timeframe, Lindsay is interested in collecting ENR committee feedback after that date.

6.0 ON TO 2050: Lands in transition draft strategies – Nora Beck, CMAP Staff

GO TO 2040 focuses on encouraging compact and infill development; while also containing several strategies for those areas of the region that are currently in agricultural use and/or contain natural resources. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Beck reviewed the overall purpose and scope, findings from case study interviews, and a draft set of

strategies. Beck solicited committee feedback on a draft set of strategies that have emerged so far:

- Taxing use versus assessed value. Illinois does have a separate tax system for agricultural lands; need to explore how this is applied.
- Legal constraints to local food production, particularly in urban areas
- The form of compact development matters and needs to be considered. For example, concentrating groundwater wells in specific areas can be detrimental to the aquifer where a more dispersed system may be better for the long term access of the water source (though comes with other environmental impacts).
- Include sustainable agricultural practices that address nutrients
- Add maximization of federal protection tools and funding sources.
- Be more explicit about tax policy implications in development decisions.
- Community capacity, connection to water and resources that cross boundaries.
- Investigate federal programs and application locally. What about a local conservation credit? Where if a site is developed there's a higher burden on the municipality.
- Explore conservation incentive districts.

7.0 ON TO 2050: Emerging regional priorities – Kristin Ihnchak, CMAP Staff

CMAP has been gathering public feedback on regional challenges and opportunities as well as priority topics that should be addressed by the ON TO 2050 plan. To summarize that feedback and give insight on preliminary plan directions, CMAP staff created a [Regional Priorities Report draft](#). Staff are seeking comment on this draft by August 15. Committee members discussed the following points:

- Integration of water resources, stormwater, and green infrastructure in the next plan. Ihnchak explained that that is a central goal, particularly of the water strategy paper, and that the staff involved overlap and will be looking for such integration.
- Strategy for integration of all of the items being developed for the next plan. Ihnchak explained that she and Elizabeth Schuh, the co-managers of the plan, will be developing a plan for how to pull all of the elements being developed for the plan by next June.

8.0 ON TO 2050: Introduction to alternative futures scenario planning – Elizabeth Irvin, CMAP Staff

Scenario planning is a tool to help stakeholders determine preferred planning approaches, understand trends for the region, and assess different land use, economic, and transportation policies. Using a [powerpoint presentation](#), Irvin summarized the vision-driven scenario planning approach conducted for GO TO 2040, presented the proposed alternative futures approach for ON TO 2050, and outlined a schedule for scenario planning work in the next fiscal year. The work is also described in [this memo](#). Committee members discussed the following points:

- Climate change as a major trend. What types of changes will be evaluated? Irvin explained that that still needs to be determined. Committee members encouraged the inclusion of broader forces, including food shortages and difficulty in the provision of basic services.
- Voting on the major trends? There won't be a formal voting process but the committees will be consulted in September. CMAP staff will provide 10-15 major

trends and ask the committees as well as an expert stakeholder group to help winnow the list down to 5 to 8 macro level trends.

9.0 Other Business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting

The ENR Committee is scheduled to next meet on Thursday, August 4, 2016.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Beck (ENR Committee Liaison)

July 8, 2016

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